

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph on page 7, at lines 7-23, and replace it with the following paragraph:

The control module 140 and associated components in the heater/hydrator 120 are preferably powered by an AC-DC converter 180. The AC-DC converter 180 has an output that is connected by a plug connector 182 into a power receptacle 214 of the circuit within the control module 140, and has a standard AC wall outlet plug 184 that can be plugged into standard AC power outlets. For example, the AC-DC converter 180 is plugged into an AC power strip that is provided on other equipment in an operating room. Alternatively, electrical power for the apparatus is provided by a battery or photovoltaic source, shown at reference numeral 149. Another alternative is to provide circuitry in the control module 140 that operates on AC signals, as opposed to DC signals, in which case the control module 140 could be powered directly by an AC outlet.